

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 5, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action.

Claims 1, 5, 8-14, and 16-21 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants are grateful for the indication that claims 15 and 22 have been allowed and claims 2 - 4 and that 6-7 recite allowable subject matter. However, Applicants would like to point out that claims 2 and 6 were previously amended and rewritten into independent form in the Response previously filed on October 25, 2004. Entry of the current amendments is respectfully requested because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance; (b) do not raise new issues requiring further consideration or search; and (c) do not raise the issue of new matter.

Upon entry of this Response, claims 2-4, 6, 7, 15 and 22 will be pending in the present application.

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 8-10, 13, 14 and 16-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,756,010 to Nelson (Nelson) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,740,962 to Kish. (Kish).

It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1, 5, 8-10, 13, 14 and 16-21. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

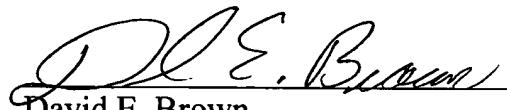
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 2-4, 6 and 7 recite allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed above, claims 2 and 6 were previously amended into independent form in the Response filed on October 25, 2004. Thus, claims 2-4 and 6-7 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to these claims is respectfully requested.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that all claims pending in the present application be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application..

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



David E. Brown
Registration No. 51,091

Customer No. 32294
SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY LLP
14TH Floor
8000 Towers Crescent Drive
Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182-2700
Telephone: 703-720-7800
Fax: 703-720-7802

DEB:mm